

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12. Canceled.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of describing a user profile to describe user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia-~~content~~ contents, comprising:

providing user preference information for the user profile; and

incorporating a browsing preference information in the user preference information, wherein the browsing preference information includes ~~at least one~~ a plurality of browsing criterion, which may be differently described according to a type of multimedia-~~data~~ contents, and a ~~weight~~ preference value indicating relative priority ~~or weight~~ assigned to ~~said~~ each browsing criterion.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein each of browsing criteria is structured hierarchically.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of describing user preference pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia-~~content~~ contents, comprising:

describing a plurality of summary preferences based on a type of multimedia ~~data~~ contents, wherein a ~~weight~~ preference value indicating relative priority or weight for directly selecting one of the plurality of summary preferences is assigned to each of the plurality of summary preferences.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of summary preferences is structured hierarchically.

17. (Currently Amended) A data structure for describing user preference pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia-~~content~~ contents, comprising:

a plurality of summary preferences based on a type of multimedia-~~data~~ contents, wherein a ~~weight~~ preference value indicating relative priority or weight is assigned to each of the plurality of summary preferences.

18. (Previously Presented) The data structure of claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of summary preferences is structured hierarchically.